

signed, we then proceed to develop the implementing legislation in consultation with the President.

After all that, Congress still exercises a veto over the President's action by voting on the agreement and implementing bill. Those conditions are necessary to ensure the President fulfills the objectives set by Congress. They are also needed to ensure that Congress and the President do, in fact, speak with one voice on trade matters.

I firmly believe that bill strengthens the role of Congress and the trade agreements process to an unprecedented extent and lets our trading partners know that the President is answerable to Congress for any agreement he may reach.

Third, laying the foundation for our economic future will require a partnership here in Congress, as well. We will not make progress toward our common goal of providing for America's economic future without strong bipartisan support for our trade policy.

I was extremely heartened by the vote yesterday and expect to see the same bipartisan support for the motion under consideration and for the bill itself. At the same time, the debate identified important issues that must be fully examined in order to sustain that bipartisan future.

As chairman of the Finance Committee, I intend to ensure that the committee addresses those issues of critical importance to the well-being of every American. I look forward to working with my colleagues toward this end. Nonetheless, I believe we must take the first step now to exert the leadership on trade that only the United States can provide. The President must have fast-track negotiating authority. I urge my colleagues strongly to support the motion to proceed.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise simply to affirm in the strongest terms that the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee has been faithful to his duties. He has kept a committee united, minus one vote, in an otherwise unanimous decision. He has been meticulous in his concern that American workers will have their interests pursued here, the environment will be looked after, but ladening these matters on trade negotiations will only ensure they will fail and not bring the benefits we desire.

I want to congratulate him. We cannot do any better than we did yesterday, but let's hope we do as well.

Mr. ROTH. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion to proceed to S. 1269, the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act of 1997.

The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] is necessary absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 68, nays 31, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 294 Leg.]

YEAS—68

Abraham	Dodd	Lautenberg
Akaka	Domenici	Leahy
Allard	Frist	Lieberman
Ashcroft	Glenn	Lott
Baucus	Gorton	Lugar
Bennett	Graham	Mack
Biden	Gramm	McCain
Bingaman	Grams	McConnell
Bond	Grassley	Moynihan
Breaux	Gregg	Murkowski
Brownback	Hagel	Murray
Bryan	Hatch	Nickles
Bumpers	Hutchinson	Robb
Chafee	Hutchison	Roberts
Cleland	Inouye	Rockefeller
Coats	Jeffords	Roth
Cochran	Johnson	Santorum
Collins	Kempthorne	Smith (OR)
Coverdell	Kerry	Thomas
Craig	Kerry	Thompson
D'Amato	Kohl	Warner
Daschle	Kyl	Wyden
DeWine	Landrieu	

NAYS—31

Boxer	Ford	Sarbanes
Burns	Harkin	Sessions
Byrd	Helms	Shelby
Campbell	Hollings	Smith (NH)
Conrad	Inhofe	Snowe
Dorgan	Kennedy	Specter
Durbin	Levin	Thurmond
Enzi	Mikulski	Torricelli
Faircloth	Moseley-Braun	Wellstone
Feingold	Reed	
Feinstein	Reid	

NOT VOTING—1

Stevens

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. NICKLES addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the motion was agreed to.

Mr. ROTH. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, first, I wish to compliment Senator ROTH and Senator MOYNIHAN for their leadership on this very important issue on fast track.

I will announce—I think it has been disclosed to both sides—that will be the last rollcall vote today.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business until the hour of 6 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with Senator GORTON permitted to speak for 15 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD: RECIPIENT OF THE GOLDEN GAVEL AWARD

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, it is a longstanding tradition in the Senate to recognize and honor those Senators

who serve as Presiding Officers of the Senate for 100 hours in a single session of Congress. Today, we add to the list of Golden Gavel recipients Senator ALLARD of Colorado, whose presiding hours total 100 hours today.

November 5 is a very significant date for Senator ALLARD and his family, as on November 5, 1996, 1 year ago today, Senator ALLARD was elected to the U.S. Senate. Therefore, it is an appropriate date to recognize his contributions as a Presiding Officer of the Senate.

With respect to presiding, Senator ALLARD has been extremely generous with his time and has often rearranged his schedule at a moment's notice—and, I might add, with the assistance of his very courteous staff—to assist in presiding when difficulties arise. As a Presiding Officer, his dedication and dependability are to be commended. It is a great pleasure to announce Senator WAYNE ALLARD of Colorado as recipient of the Senate's Golden Gavel Award.

My compliments to my friend, my colleague, and the Presiding Officer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Thank you.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, we will now have a period of morning business until the hour of 6 p.m. with Senators to be allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. DORGAN. Will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. NICKLES. Yes.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I wonder if the Senator from Oklahoma could inform us of the unanimous-consent request that affects business on the floor of the Senate tomorrow. My understanding is the pending unanimous consent request deals with the DOD authorization bill. The reason I ask the question is I am interested in learning when we will come back to the regular order, which will be the fast-track consideration of the fast-track proposal.

Mr. NICKLES. To respond to my colleague, the Senate has already agreed to a unanimous-consent request that would call for the DOD authorization bill to be voted on tomorrow at some time, at 2 p.m. I think the order calls for 4 hours of debate. We will go on it at 10, and vote at 2.

That is on the DOD conference report.

Beyond that, I am not prepared to tell my colleague what—I know the House is planning on voting on the fast-track authorization on Friday. There is some discussion that since that is a House bill and we are working on the Senate bill, we might entertain taking up the House bill when it passes so we wouldn't be working on two different bills.

Mr. DORGAN. If the Senator will yield further, my understanding is the